

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 4, 6-9, 11, 13-20, 22-26, 28-39, and 41-61 are pending upon entry of this amendment. Claims 4, 8, 9, 11, 15, 17, 22, 24, 28, 31, 35, 41, 42, and 51-53 have been amended, claims 1-3, 5, 10, 12, 21, 27, and 40 have been canceled, and claims 60 and 61 have been added. No new matter has been added by the claim amendments or the new claims.

Before action on the merits, Applicants respectfully request that the amendments to the claims be entered for examination.

Telephone Interview

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for the helpful interview conducted on March 11, 2008.

Applicants note that independent claims 4 and 11 have been amended to recite receipt/receiving of "a video update request at the multimedia intermediate device from a source external to the multimedia intermediate device" among other elements. Additionally, dependent claims 18 and 29 recite "wherein the video update request is received from the second terminal." Eyuboglu fails to teach or suggest at least these elements in the manner claimed.

In the Office action mailed on December 3, 2007, the Examiner referred to the Inter/Intra Control switch (616) illustrated in FIG. 6 of Eyuboglu in relation to the claim term "video update request." However, Applicants respectfully submit that the Inter/Intra Control switch illustrated by Eyuboglu is internal to transcoder 402 and thus cannot provide a video update request from a source external to the claimed multimedia intermediate device, for instance, from the second terminal. For at least these reasons, the pending claims are allowable over the cited reference.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

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